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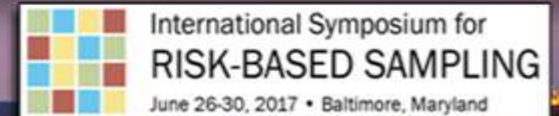
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Trade Facilitation Agreement of the World Trade Organization

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR RISK-BASED SAMPLING (RBS)
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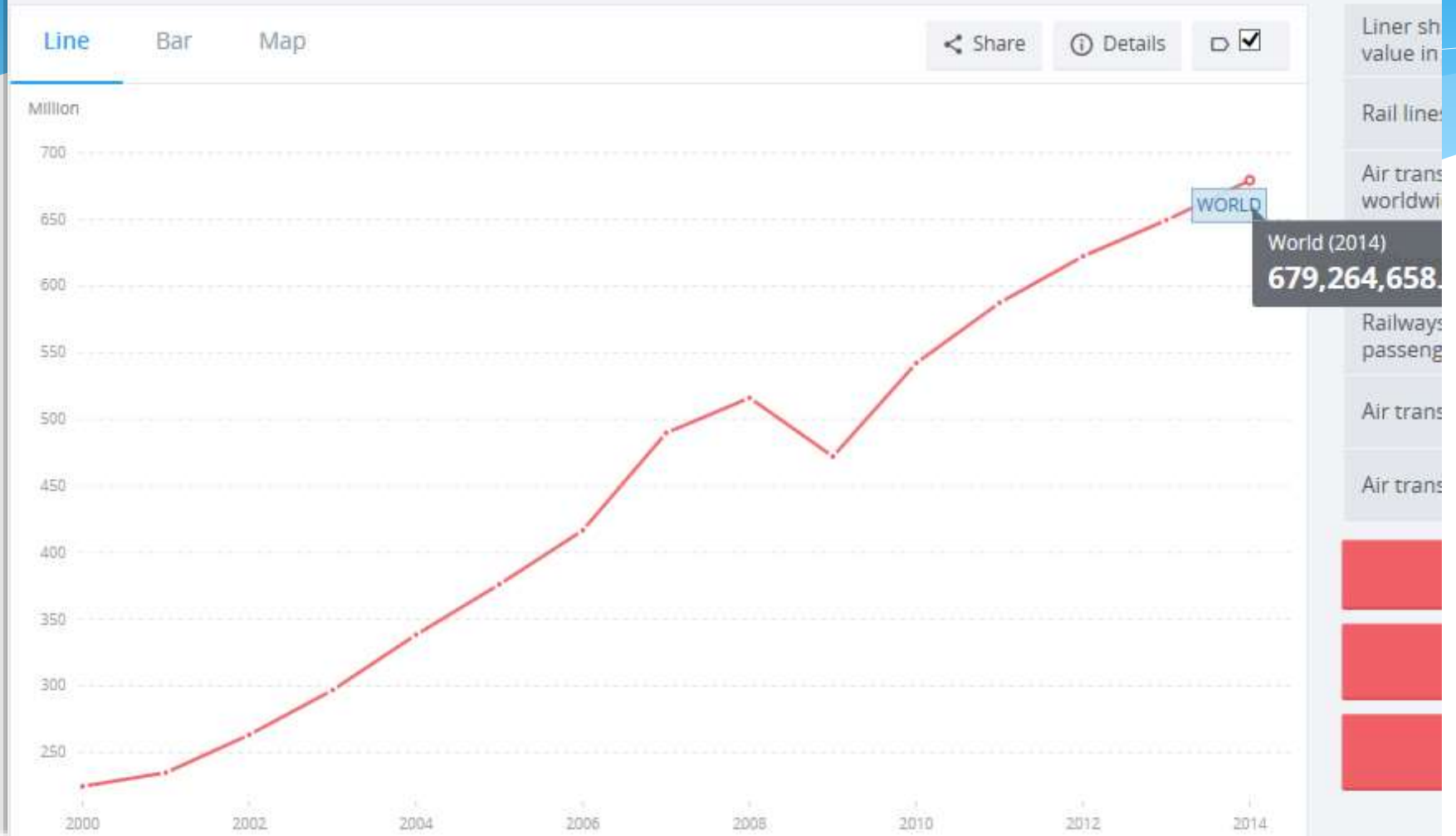
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture



Container port traffic (TEU: 20 foot equivalent units)

Containerisation International, Containerisation International Yearbook.

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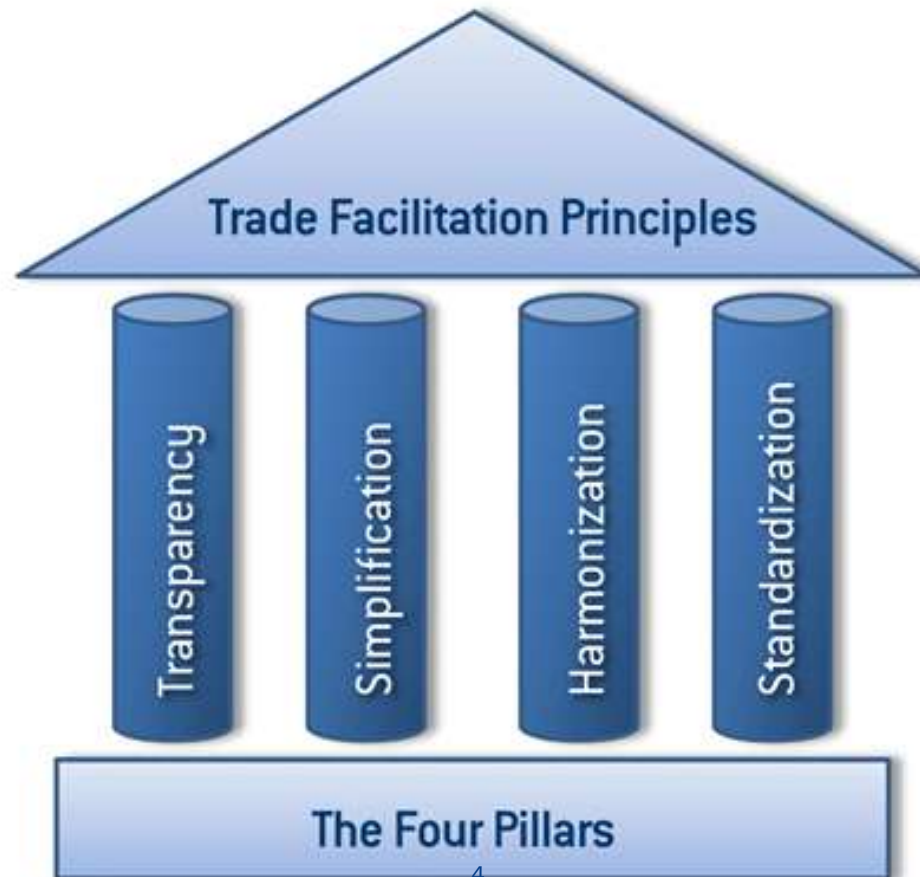


WTO TFA Enters into Force

February 2017



Principles of TFA



TFA Section 1 Contains 12 Articles



Article 1
Publication & Availability
of Information



Article 5
Measures to Enhance
Impartiality, Non-Discrimination
& Transparency



Article 9
Movement under
Customs Control



Article 2
Comment
and Consultations



Article 6
Disciplines on Fees
and Charges



Article 10
Import, Export
& Transit Formalities



Article 3
Advance
Rulings



Article 7
Release and Clearance
of Goods



Article 11
Freedom
of transit



Article 4
Procedures for
Appeal or Review



Article 8
Border Agency
Cooperation



Article 12
Customs
Cooperation

Objective of TFA

- ✓ Simplification and harmonization of import/export procedures and forms
- ✓ **Development of “Single Window” Paperless, Automated Systems**
- ✓ Rapid release of goods (e.g., pre-arrival clearance, authorized traders, posting of security)
- ✓ Use of international standards (e.g., WCO Data Model, UN/EDIFACT, UN Lay-out Key (UNLK), UN/CEFACT and UNe-Docs)

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AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT/INTERNATIONAL TRADE DATA SYSTEM U.S. SINGLE WINDOW FOR TRADE



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- In FY2013, U.S. trade accounted for \$2.4 trillion in imported goods and \$1.6 trillion in exported goods

ACE / ITDS

- Executive Order establishes deadline of December 2016 for implementation
- ACE is the technology enabler through which Single Window processing will be achieved
- Key features to enable Single Window processing have been implemented

PARTNER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- 47 Partner Government Agencies
- Largely paper-based with multiple entry systems
- Nearly 200 forms required for imports and exports



Quicker data availability for Government - better identification of dangerous or prohibited shipments



Automated Agency interactions reduce paper, enable near-real time decision making by Government



Easier for industry to comply with government regulations



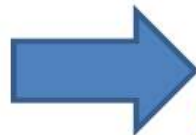
Reduced costs for Government and industry

What is Electronic SPS Certification?

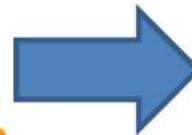
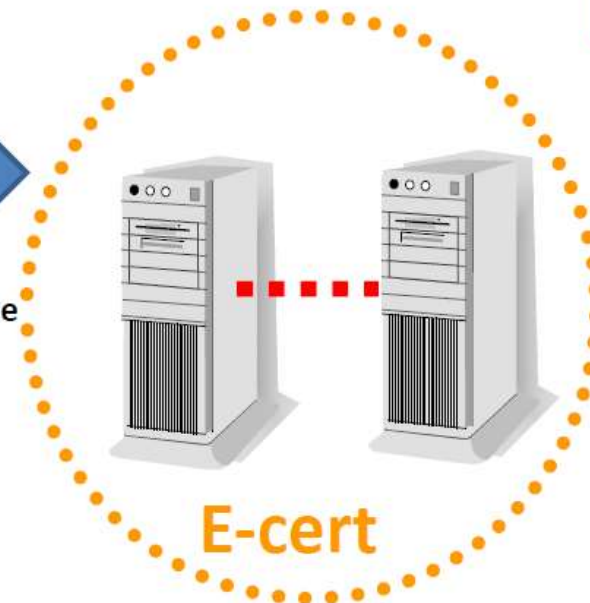
**EXPORTING COUNTRY
COMPETENT AUTHORITY**



Certification process
Inspection procedure,
testing,...



Sending
certificate



Receiving
certificate

**IMPORTING COUNTRY
COMPETENT AUTHORITY**



Import procedures
Inspection,
release,...

National Agricultural Release Program (NARP)

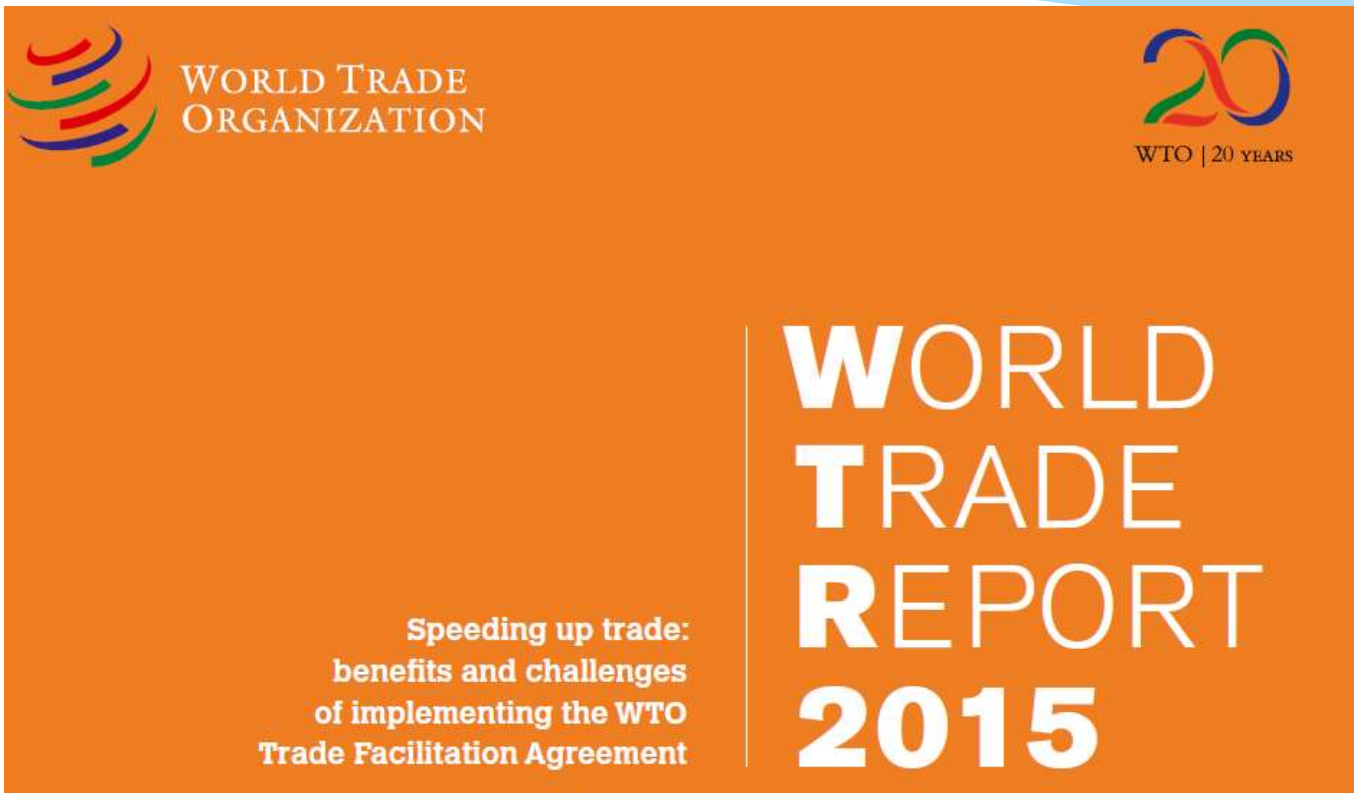
- * Methodology for evaluating high-volume agriculture imports that are low-risk for the introduction of plant pests and plant diseases
- * Commercial shipments of fresh, frozen, processed and semi-processed fruits and vegetables from specific countries may be eligible for NARP

Common Trade Facilitation Barriers

- * Excessive documentation requirements
- * Inefficient border-crossing procedures
- * Transport and transit impediments
- * Lack of transparency and predictability
- * Lack of cooperation and coordination
- * Lack of automated processes and scarce use of information technology
- * High administrative costs



“full implementation will reduce trade costs ... of agricultural goods by 10.4 %.”



Current State of Play at 50%

Annex 4: Global State of Implementation of Selected WTO TFA-related Measures
(Percentage of economies at different stages of implementation)

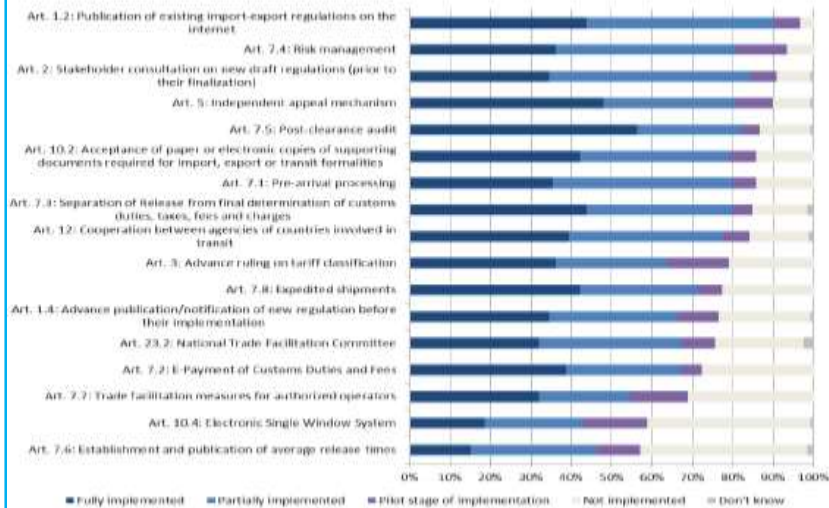
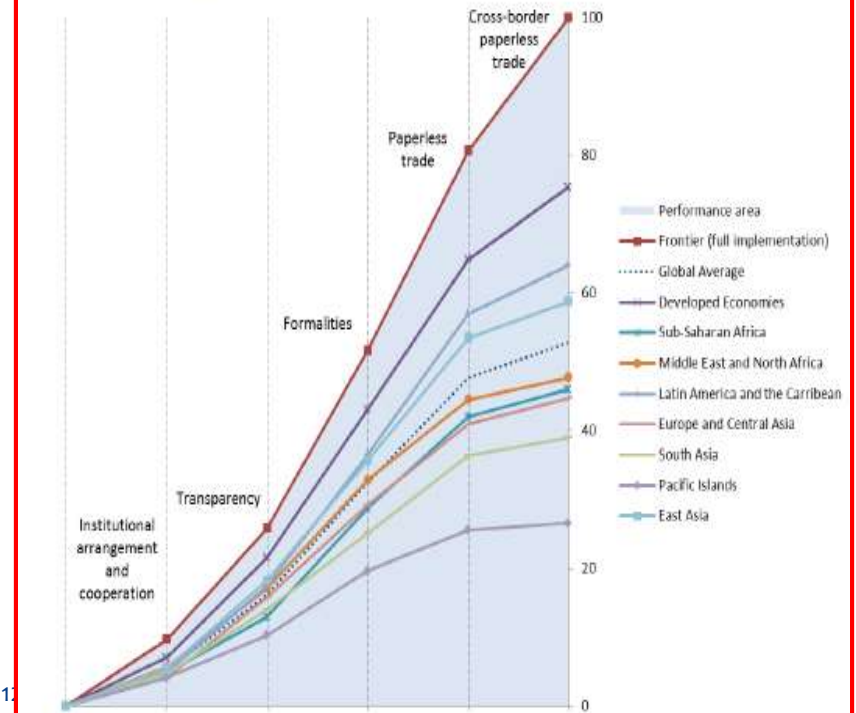
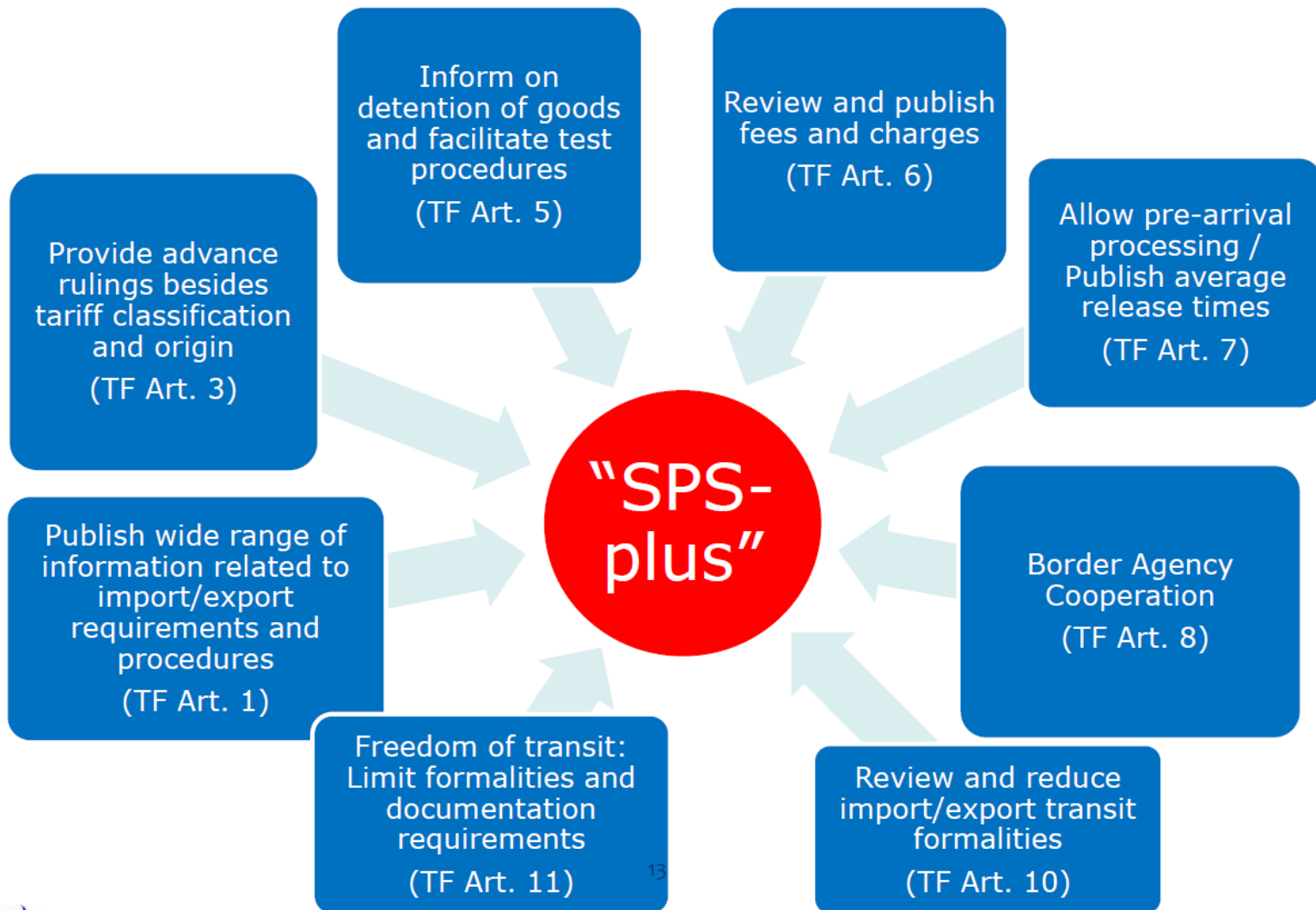


Figure 19: Moving up the trade facilitation ladder towards seamless international supply chains

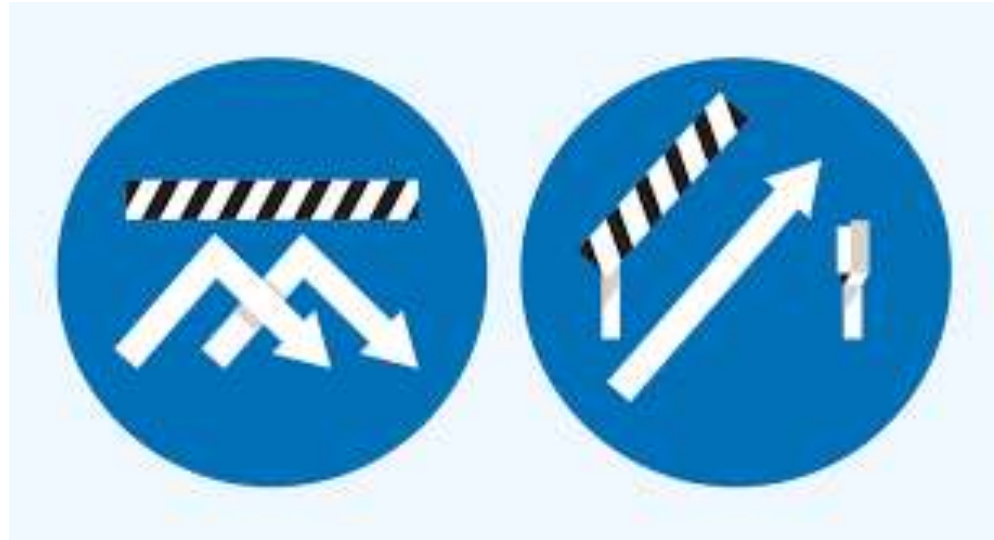


SPS-plus Aspects of TFA



Examples of SPS-related Obstacles and TFA Remedies

- * (Art. 5) – Retesting allowed
- * (Art. 8) – Border Agency cooperation
- * (Art. 10) – Single Window, e-certs



TFA Final Provisions: Paragraph 6

“nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as diminishing the rights and obligations of Members under the TBT and SPS Agreements.”

BUT.....

some TFA provisions may be "SPS-plus" or "TBT-plus"
adding obligations going beyond SPS & TBT Agreements

SPS and TFA Complement

Release and
clearance of
goods

Harmonized
processes and
standards

Consultations
and appeals

Opportunities to Reduce Costs and Enhance Health Protection

- Streamline/simplify regulations and procedures
- Implement risk-based approaches (inspections)
- Improve transparency
- Improve coordination between SPS authorities and with Customs
- Include SPS controls in national single windows
- Encourage participation of SPS authorities in national Trade Facilitation Committees, etc.

Takeaways

Single Window Platform

IPPC and NPPO partnerships key

Risk-based management balances protection and trade